**LARGE POWER INTERVENORS**

Utility Information Request

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By: Large Power Intervenors (Andrew Moratzka, Chad T. Marriott , Lane Kollen and Phil Hayet)

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016 Please state whether any updated economic evaluations have been performed, since the Company’s analyses in Docket No. E015/M-11-938 were performed?

1. If yes, please provide documentation explaining the purpose of the updated analyses, any final reports that were created, and a list of the findings from those studies; and
2. If no, please provide a description of what assumptions would be revised to prepare more up-to-date analyses.

**Response:**

1. Please see Minnesota Power responses to LPI IR 9 through LPI IR 12. The need for the Manitoba Hydro 250 MW PPA as a Minnesota Power supply resource was determined by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the approval of Docket No. E015/M-11-938. The 250 MW PPA has been included as a pillar supply resource in each subsequent resource planning docket since its approval.

There is a continued need for additional capacity and energy in Minnesota Power’s most recent forecasts, including the Manitoba Hydro 250 MW PPA as was addressed by Mr. Allan S. Rudeck starting on page 9 of his direct testimony. Minnesota Power continues to identify significant long term growth in the need for both demand and energy due to load growth (as shown in the Minnesota Power 2014 Forecast Report) and power supply transformations consistent with its Energy***Forward*** resource strategy that support its approved long term 250 MW power purchase from Manitoba Hydro.

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